

# COVID-19 HOPE Weekly review

*Week 21/10/2020 – 28/10/2020*

## EU Institutions

### *European Commission*

- **Coronavirus resurgence: Commission steps up action to reinforce preparedness and response measures across the EU**  
28 October 2020  
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- **Coronavirus Resurgence: New preparedness and response measures across the EU – Factsheet**  
28 October 2020  
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- **Statement by President von der Leyen at the joint press conference with Peter Piot, Special Advisor to the President, on additional measures for the EU's response to coronavirus**  
28 October 2020  
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- **Commission disburses €17 billion under SURE to Italy, Spain and Poland**  
27 October 2020  
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- **Summary report – 37<sup>th</sup> ([link](#)) and 38<sup>th</sup> ([link](#)) Health Security Committee on COVID-19 outbreak**  
26 October 2020
- **Coronavirus: additional ventilators dispatched to Czechia via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism**  
24 October 2020  
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- **Coronavirus response: €1 billion of EU Cohesion policy to support Portugal's recovery**  
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- **European Commission issues first emission of EU SURE social bonds**  
21 October 2020  
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- **Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in Health - Hearing on ‘the organisation of resilient health and social care following the Covid-19 pandemic’**  
20 October 2020  
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### *European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)*

- **Key aspects regarding the introduction and prioritisation of COVID-19 vaccination in the EU/EEA and the UK**  
26 October 2020  
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- **Rapid Risk Assessment: Increased transmission of COVID-19 in the EU/EEA and the UK – thirteenth update**  
23 October 2020  
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### *European Parliament*

- **2021 EU budget must focus on supporting a sustainable recovery from the pandemic**  
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- **European values: COVID-19 emergency measures pose a “risk of abuse of power”**  
27 October 2020  
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- **Parliament discussed the outcome of EU summit**  
21 October 2020  
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## **World Health Organisation**

### **News**

- **Enhancement to COVID-19 mobile app rolled out across WHO European Region**  
28 October 2020  
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- **Scaling up laboratory COVID-19 testing capacity in the Republic of Moldova**  
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- **Obesity significantly increases chances of severe outcomes for COVID-19 patients**  
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### ***Technical reports***

- **Assessment tool for laboratories implementing SARS-CoV-2 testing: Interim Guidance**  
23 October 2020  
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- **Considerations in the investigation of cases and clusters of COVID-19**  
22 October 2020  
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## **Other**

- **European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies - Webinar series on the COVID-19 response**  
3 November 2020, 12:00 – 13 00  
Hospital care and COVID-19: Balancing surge capacity and regular services  
Keynote: Erin Webb, Technical University Berlin  
ZOOM LINK: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_m4TGNcc5QcWPf6qjlmKdGg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_m4TGNcc5QcWPf6qjlmKdGg)